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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop <u>Amendment</u> 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

This replies to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) and the late fee are submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. **Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.